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## Sources of Livestock and Poultry Market Information

**This NebGuide provides a list of various market information sources, each followed by a brief summary of issue schedules and contents.**

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This NebGuide provides a listing of widely used and readily available market information sources that contain information which may be useful to agricultural producers, lenders and agribusiness firms when making livestock and poultry marketing decisions. Most of the available market information and statistical data comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Many now require an annual subscription fee. Contact the agency listed to determine the cost of the subscription.

Generally, there are two basic types of market information available to data users. The first type, Market News Service, is provided by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and concerns daily prices used to make short-run marketing decisions. The mass media provide coverage of these daily prices. However, because of time and space limitations, detailed background information and analysis are usually lacking.

The second type of information, provided by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the Economic Research Service (ERS), considers current supply and demand information forecasts made from analysis of supply and demand interaction. Such information is vital to understanding price movements and trends, and is also helpful in making short-run, medium-run and long-run marketing decisions.

For more details about USDA market information, contact the agency responsible for distribution:

- **Market News**

Agricultural Marketing Services, LGMS  
Livestock and Grain Market News  
Room 2623, South Bldg., USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250  
(Telephone 202/720-6231)

- **ERS Reports**

Economic Research Service  
Information Division  
Room 228, USDA  
1301 New York Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-4789  
(Telephone 202/219-0494)  
(FAX: 202/219-0112)

- **NASS Reports**

Agricultural Statistics Board  
Room 5809 South Bldg.  
USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250  
(Telephone 202/447-4020)

### **Electronic Information**

ERS Situation and Outlook reports, NASS releases, and World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB) reports are available electronically through the USDA Computerized Information Delivery Service (CIDS). For details, call ERS (202) 720-5505 or NASS (202) 720-9579. For information on Internet call (202) 219-0012.

The CALL-ERS/NASS Bulletin Board is available nationwide. For information, call (202) 219-0012.

### **Buying Information**

ERS, NASS, and WAOB publications, video tapes, and electronic products are available by subscriptions or individual copies. For prices and ordering information, call toll free: (U.S. and Canada) 1-800-999-6779 (7:30-4:00 CT weekdays). Other areas, call (703) 834-0125.

For a complete listing of available Nebraska and U.S. Agricultural Statistical Reports, Nebraska Data users should contact:

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service  
P.O. Box 81069  
Lincoln, NE 68501-0169  
(Telephone 402/437-5541)

or visit the NASS office:

Room 273  
100 Centennial Mall North  
Lincoln, NE 68508

### **Data Reports, U.S.**

- ***Cattle and Calves on Feed***

Agricultural Statistics Board  
NASS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Issued monthly. This report gives the number of cattle and calves on feed at the beginning of each month for seven important feeding states, and the number of placements and grain-fed cattle marketed in the previous month. The January, April, July and October reports contain estimates for 13 major states concerning the total number on feed, number on feed by class, placements, marketing and other disappearance.

- ***Hogs and Pigs***

Agricultural Statistics Board  
NASS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Issued in late March, June, September and December. Information indicates the first of month inventory and number by classes, farrowings and size of pig crop, and projected farrowings. Number and size of operations keeping hogs and the value of hogs and pigs is contained in the December report.

- ***Sheep and Goats***

Agricultural Statistics Board  
NASS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Issued late January. Contains inventory, value, and number by classes by state as of January 1 for sheep and goats (goat estimates are for Texas only). Lamb crop, operations with sheep, and sheep and lambs on feed, by state, are given for the leading sheep producing states.

- ***Cattle***

Agricultural Statistics Board  
NASS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Issued in early February and late July. This report contains data on the inventory number and value of all cattle and calves as of January 1, and number of calves born during the previous year, by state. It also indicates the total number on feed as of January 1, by state and for the U.S., and the expected size of the current year's calf crop. The July report contains the inventory numbers of all cattle and calves and number by classes for the U.S. as of July 1.

- ***Meat Animals -- Farm Production, Disposition and Income***

Agricultural Statistics Board  
NASS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Published in early April. This report provides data on the indicated items by states.

- ***Livestock Slaughter***

Agricultural Statistics Board  
NASS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Issued monthly along with an annual summary issue in March. This publication gives the number of head and live weight of cattle, calves, hogs, sheep and lambs slaughtered in commercial plants, by state. It also includes meat production by state.

- ***Omaha Weekly Livestock Market Report***

USDA, Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
Division of Agriculture Development and Marketing  
609 Livestock Exchange Building  
Omaha, Nebraska, 68107.

Issued weekly, this report summarizes trends in Omaha's livestock market for the proceeding week. It contains information on livestock slaughter under federal inspection, carlot meat trade, feeder cattle and pig auctions, Nebraska feedlot sales summary and Chicago Mercantile Exchange futures prices for choice steers.

- ***Livestock and Meat Statistics***

Agricultural Marketing Service  
ERS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Published around mid-year, it provides an annual summary of livestock and meat information for the previous year, along with historical series for several prior years with adjustments and corrections for prior years as necessary. Statistics given are: livestock numbers and production, movement and slaughter, livestock and meat prices, and data on meat trade, storage and processing.

- ***Instant Market News***

The latest livestock market information is provided by an automatic telephone answering device any time of the day or night. The reports give a variety of the most current information on livestock and meat prices, federally inspected slaughter, salable receipts and futures trading. Numbers to call:

**Nebraska**, Omaha -- (402) 731-5355  
**Colorado**, Greeley -- (303) 353-8031; (303) 353-9792  
**South Dakota**, Sioux Falls -- (605) 336-7765  
**Iowa**, Sioux City -- (712) 252-3881  
**Kansas**, Dodge City -- (316) 225-1311

## **Market Analysis**

- ***Livestock, Meat and Wool Market News***

Livestock, Poultry, Grain and Seed Division  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

The weekly issues summarize trade and trends for livestock, meat and by-products. Information on market receipts, slaughter, meat production and prices is also included.

- ***Livestock and Poultry -- Situation and Outlook Report***

National Economics Division  
ERS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Published in January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November. Information is given for the situation and outlook, with analysis provided for meat animals, meat and poultry. Special articles of analysis are also included.

- ***Cotton & Wool -- Situation & Outlook Report***

National Economics Division  
ERS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Published in February, May, August (Yearbook) and November. Information given for the situation and outlook, with analysis provided on U.S. and world wool, mohair and man-made fibers. Special articles of analysis are also included.

- ***Western Livestock Round-up***

Monthly articles contain a current summary of information and factors affecting livestock prices. It is available in many farm magazines.

## **Dairy Reports**

- ***Dairy Situation and Outlook -- Annual Yearbook***

Agricultural Marketing Service  
USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Published in August as an annual summary of dairy market statistics; also published in Dairy Market News, which covers markets for dairy products of commercial significance. The purpose is to provide information to farmers and their cooperatives, processors, buyers and sellers of dairy products, and others, that will help in making buying and selling decisions and future planning.

## **Market Analysis**

- ***Dairy -- Situation and Outlook Report***

ERS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Published in February, April, June, October and December. This publication analyzes the supply, demand price and outlook for the dairy industry, and provides articles and analyses of interest to those in the dairy industry.

## **Poultry Reports**

- ***Poultry Market Statistics***

Agricultural Marketing Service  
USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

This publication contains the annual summary of poultry market statistics collected and compiled by the Poultry Market News Branch. Annual data on shell eggs, frozen eggs, dried eggs, liquid eggs, processed poultry, ducklings, rabbits, live turkeys, processed turkeys and catfish are included.

- ***Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys***

Agricultural Statistics Board  
NASS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Issued monthly, this report contains information on the past month's egg, chicken and turkey statistics.

- ***Poultry -- Monthly Summary***

Agricultural Marketing Service  
USDA  
Poultry Division--Market News Branch  
536 South Clark Street, Room 936  
Chicago, Illinois 60605.

This monthly publication contains poultry market statistics collected and compiled by the Poultry Division--Market News Branch. Monthly data are available on poultry in cold storage, hatch data, eggs, monthly average poultry prices and selected special topics including export statistics and information on catfish.

## **General Economics Reports**

The following listing of information sources contains data on all agricultural commodities as well as information on other factors influencing marketing decisions.

- ***Agricultural Outlook***

Superintendent of Documents

Government Printing Office  
Washington, D.C. 20402.

Published monthly with the exception of the January-February combined issue. This publication gives the outlook for food and agricultural sections pertaining to commodities, food, marketing, world agriculture and trade, and farm income. It also updates commodity, food and situation reports and features current information on farm income, prices, production and general economic indicators.

- ***Agricultural Prices***

Agricultural Statistics Board  
NASS, USDA  
Washington, D.C. 20250.

Issued monthly, this report indicates prices paid and received by U.S. farmers for various commodities, and also includes price indexes and parity prices.

- ***Nebraska Statistics Reports***

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Annual Report, Nebraska AGRI-FACTS and Other Topic Specific Reports.

These publications give a statistical summary of Nebraska's agriculture. The annual report, *Nebraska Agricultural Statistics*, provides data on crops, livestock, prices, farm income, farms, irrigation and fertilizer for Nebraska counties and statistical reporting districts. This data, along with other statistical series for the state and nation are published in September. Preliminary county estimates for major crops and livestock are available upon request in May.

*Nebraska AGRI-FACTS* provides a summary of current agricultural statistics for Nebraska, other selected states and the nation, plus updates on exports and farm income. This 4-page release is published twice a month. Other regular topic specific releases are available for Livestock, Crops and Weekly Crop-Weather.

These releases are available free to individuals and firms providing information on surveys made by the NASS office in Lincoln, others wishing to subscribe must pay a nominal fee. To obtain a checklist of available reports, write to:

Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service  
P.O. Box 81069  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501

or

Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
4th Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South  
P.O. Box 94947  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509.

## **Other Statistical Reports**



Agricultural Statistics for other states and the United States may be obtained through the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Office in Lincoln.

### **Additional Information Sources**

There are numerous periodicals--commodity, farm and trade magazines--that regularly contain livestock and livestock marketing information. Commercial market analysis and advisory services are also available. A subscription fee or service fee is usually charged for these services. A listing of these types of information sources is available from the Cooperative Extension office in your county.

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